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(57) Abstract

Organometallic complexes comprising a trivalent lanthanide metal ion complexed with one or more polydentate ligands containing one or more pyrazolyl—derived groups, such as trispyrazolyl borate species, are useful in light emitting materials e.g., in electroluminescent flat panel displays. In the complexes, several classes of which are novel, a coordinate bond is formed between the metal and one of the nitrogen atoms of the pyrazolyl rings.